

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee,

I am writing in response to proposed legislation **HB 06618 - "An Act Concerning Medical Assistance for Certain Persons Receiving Abortion Care and Related Services in Connecticut"**

I strongly oppose **HB 06618**.

CT tax dollars should not be used for women outside of CT to obtain abortions and related services (whatever that may be) in CT. Connecticut already uses our tax dollars to provide abortion for women of CT on Medicaid. To demand more of CT citizens dollars to provide abortion for non residents is unjust to the CT taxpayer, forcing them to pay for an immoral service: one that kills an innocent victim and traumatizes a vulnerable, poor woman. This is not health *care*. In addition, using CT tax dollars for non-citizens to receive abortions In CT becomes a slippery slope to "promoting" CT as a place for poor women to travel to receive state funded abortions. Can we do better by promoting CT as a beautiful state to visit rather than a place to kill an innocent victim and traumatize a vulnerable woman in crisis? Can we consider using tax dollars wisely and thoughtfully by helping poor and vulnerable women in ways that promote their human dignity and protect them and their babies? I hope and believe that we can do better than promoting CT as a place for more abortions.

I encourage you all to **oppose HB 06618** that would unjustly force citizens to pay for an immoral procedure - the killing of innocent lives and harming vulnerable women in crisis.

Respectfully Submitted,
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